

April Resources and Opportunities

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MAYOR'S YOUTH COUNCIL APPLICATIONS- DEADLINE APRIL 1

The deadline to apply for the 2013-2014 Mayor's Youth Council is April 1!



Are you a current high school sophomore or junior who wants to make a difference in your community?

Each year, teens from all over the city are selected as volunteer representatives to outreach to peers, advocate for youth issues, and meet with city officials. Everyone that applies to the council will be offered a role in the council; even FRESHMEN in high school. Positions available include neighborhood representatives and neighborhood allies.

Don't miss out on this opportunity to make your voice heard! Apply NOW at www.cityofboston.gov/youthcouncil/apply.

Applications are due by April 1, 11:59pm.

For any questions about your application or for other information, please contact Shari Davis, 617-635-4490 or YouthCouncil@cityofboston.gov.

CITY OF BOSTON SCHOLARSHIP- DEADLINE APRIL 1

The deadline to apply for the City of Boston Scholarship is April 1!

12-2:45pm
BPL North End
Branch

[Free Voice Lessons](#)

Sat, Apr 20
12:30-2:30pm
BPL Dudley Branch

[Earth Day Craft](#)

Mon, Apr 22
2-5pm
BPL South Boston
Branch

[New England
Conservatory Guitar
and Flute Duo](#)

Sat, Apr 27
3-4:30pm
BPL Grove Hall
Branch

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Find out about
summer jobs, camp
registration and
more!

[Boston Youth Zone](#)

Get your guide to
summer 2013 and
plan now!

[Boston Centers for
Youth and Families](#)

Twitter

Stay updated on
summer job
application
information!

In order to be eligible to apply, you must be a resident of the City of Boston, have a High School Diploma or GED, and plan to pursue higher education at a 2 or 4 year post-secondary institution in Massachusetts.

Complete the application here:
www.cityofboston.gov/scholarship.

Deadline: April 1.

BOSTON SHINES 2013

Join over 5,000 volunteers
in helping to make Boston
shine!

Make a difference in your
neighborhood by
contributing to Boston's
citywide clean up event.



Volunteer by planting
flowers, sweeping, raking,
and picking up trash to
make our communities more beautiful!

Participate with members of your community
on Saturday, April 27.

Group and individual registration online:
www.cityofboston.gov/ons/bostonshines

[@BostonYouthFund](#)

Stay updated on
Summer 2013 plans
going on NOW!

[@BostonYouthZone](#)



SUMMER PLANNING

Summer Stuff 2013: Boston Public School's Summer Stuff houses summer job, program, and event information for middle and high school students. Summer Stuff Jr. is available for elementary school youth and is full of summer camp options.

www.bostonpublicschools.org/summer

Boston Centers for Youth & Families Summer Guide: BCYF's Summer Guide is here! Check out all of the summer programs that community centers are offering for the summer of 2013. This guide includes important information about a variety of summer camps, sports leagues, and more.

www.cityofboston.gov/bcyf

BCYF Citywide Open Houses: All BCYF Community Centers will be hosting open houses for Boston residents. There will be membership info, facility tours, programming info, and more. Learn about summer and afterschool programs. Apr 10, 5-7pm. To find the BCYF center nearest you, 617-635-4920,

www.cityofboston.gov/bcyf.

Phillips Brooks House Summer Urban Program: Join one of the 10 affordable summer programs in Boston and Cambridge for children. Camps include academic enrichment, fieldtrips, and recreation. Deadline: FCFS. Priority given to low income families and returning campers. For locations and details: <http://programs.pbha.org/sup>

Harbor Discoveries Camp: Programs include behind-the-scenes activities in New England Aquarium galleries, excursions to Boston Harbor Islands, daily trips to north and south shore habitats and an overnight experience. A limited number of scholarships are available for Boston residents entering grades 4-7. Scholarship deadline: Apr 2. 617-973-0253 for general camp info, 617-635-4165 for scholarship info.

www.cityofboston.gov/environment/harbordiscoveries.asp

Camp Shriver: Camp Shriver is a FREE inclusive summer program for children with or without intellectual disabilities ages 8-12. This sports-oriented day camp runs from 8:30am-2pm weekdays during the summer. Jul 8-Aug 2. Deadline: Apr 1. Barbara, barbara.gildea@umb.edu, www.csde.umb.edu

Camp IF: High school sophomores, juniors, and seniors can apply now for a FREE 5-day retreat in Aug! The retreat brings teens from all religions to participate in bridge building workshops. Participants will learn to foster a positive social change in their community. Kellen Pilsbury, 617-406-6345, Kpilsbury@adl.org

Camp Cardiac: Camp Cardiac is looking for high school students ages 15 and up who are interested in careers in medicine. This 1-week summer day camp provides an opportunity to learn directly from experts in the medical field. Regular Enrollment cost: \$700, deadline: May 13. 312-659-0246, www.campcardiac.org

Lesley University's Young Artist Residency Summer Program: This residency program is designed to offer current high school sophomores and juniors a professional art college experience and open pathways to a career in art or design. Program runs Jul 7-Aug 3. Deadline: May 17. 617-585-6711, www.lesley.edu/PageTemplate.aspx?id=3514

Summer Pre-College Program: The Art Institute of Boston at Lesley University offers a summer pre-college program with over 70 visual art and design courses. Students can earn 1 college credit after completing 7-session courses. Courses run Jul 8- Aug 2. Limited scholarship funding is available. 617-585-6724, www.lesley.edu/aib/curriculum/precollege.html

SummerARTS: Enjoy summer classes in singing, music, and instruments, as well as visual art, movement and dance, and creative dramatics. Ages 4-14, limited Financial Aid available. www.cmcb.org, Jennifer Keller 617-482-7494 x34, keller@cmcb.org

SummerMUSIC: A unique four-week summer program which offers individual attention, group instruction, and multiple opportunities for developing skills and self-expression to those entering grades 5-7. Quincy Elementary School. Financial Aid available. www.cmcb.org, 617-482-7494 x23, fickes@cmcb.org

Summer Chamber Music Festival: The Winchester Community Music School offers a two-week summer chamber music festival for youth ages 7-18. Festival includes two chamber music ensembles, music theory and appreciation classes, private lessons, and more. Must complete placement audition Apr 7, 1-6pm. 781-721-2950, www.winchestermusic.org/summer/chamber.aspx

MIT Science of Baseball Program: This FREE 4-week summer program teaches physics, geometry, and statistics to current 7th and 8th grade boys through a curriculum about baseball. Students must attend a public school in Boston or Cambridge. Deadline: Apr 26. 617-253-8052, <http://mit.edu/msbp>

MIT CORE Program: This is a two-week summer program to increase the quantitative reasoning skills of rising 8th-10th graders from public high schools in Boston and Cambridge. Students will develop confidence in their math skills

to prepare them for the upcoming school year. Applications available now, those received by May 31 will receive priority. <http://mit.edu/core-program>

City Spotlights Leadership Program: Teens ages 15-19 will develop skills in leadership, dance, music, spoken word, and acting while exploring hip-hop culture. Students will be paid a stipend. Previous performing arts experience not necessary. Runs Jul 8-Aug 23. www.citicenter.org/education/event/?id=197

Career Days at Bunker Hill CC: Take FREE college classes this summer! Course titles include: Criminal Justice, Culinary Arts, Engineering, Game Design and MORE. For students entering grades 11, 12 and graduating seniors. Two weeks beginning Jul 8. www.bhcc.mass.edu/summercareerdays

Algebra Plus Summer Academy: A 5 week mathematics summer program designed to help students strengthen math skills and create a plan for pursuing a college career. Students in grades 6-9 can apply! Financial Aid is available. Contact, 617-373-5934, mathpower@neu.edu



SUMMER JOBS

Now that you have your BYF HOPELINE Tracking Number:

Check out the list of Boston Youth Fund Summer Work Sites here:

www.bostonyouthfund.org/cbolist.aspx. This list is intended to give examples of the type of work sites available, but does not guarantee the availability of slots at each of these sites for the 2013 program. Some worksites have additional requirements and/or an additional application attached. If you have a BYF tracking number and want to **greatly increase your chances** of getting a summer job, you can download their attachments or contact that organization directly. Below is a sample of some of the BYF Summer Work Site programs who have additional applications. Please note their individual deadlines. For more information: www.youtube.com/watch?v=ISNt7ko3gJ0

- **Mayor's Youthline Career Peers**- Facilitate job readiness workshops for BYF teens. Must complete separate application. 617-635-2240, Youthline@cityofboston.gov
- **Artists for Humanity**- For teens interested in entrepreneurship and creating art. Must complete a separate application at an open house tour on Apr 2, 4:30-6pm. Artists for Humanity Gallery, 617-268-7620, www.afhboston.org
- **Youth Conservation Corps**- Work outdoors to accomplish projects in parks in one of 4 locations: East Boston, Dorchester, Mattapan, and Hyde Park. Must complete separate application. 617-542-7696, www.bostonnatural.org/ycc.htm
- **Tenacity**- Coach youth in tennis lessons and provide them with a chance to succeed. Apply: www.tenacity.org/Summer_Boston.php, 617-562-0900 x27

Boston Bar Association Summer Jobs Program: Boston high school students entering grades 11-12 can apply to work in law firms and legal departments. Participants are paid. Applications available in April. Contact your guidance counselor or PIC career specialist for more information.
www.bostonpic.org

Youth Community Development Program: 8th graders can apply to be a paid youth leadership team member. Develop leadership skills, become community educators, and prepare for college and career success. For more information, attend an info session on Apr 3, 6-7pm. 364 Centre St. Jamaica Plain. Anny, 617-318-6653

Teen Visitor Aides: Responsibilities may include restocking literature in the Visitor Center, giving directions, and managing lines and crowds. Teens also have the opportunity to attend professional development workshops facilitated by museum staff with other teens. Jul-mid Aug. \$8/hour. Stephen, 617-369-4359, www.mfa.org/programs/teen-programs

MFA Teen Arts Council: TAC members have the opportunity to work on a variety of activities such as creating and producing teen-focused events, greeting and giving information to museum visitors, and creating wall labels to accompany the museum's art collections. Summer and 2013-14 school year positions available, \$8/hour. Stephen, 617-369-4359, www.mfa.org/programs/teen-programs

Tech Apprenticeship Program: TechBoston is looking for Boston juniors and seniors to apply for its 7-week paid internship at local companies. The internship runs from Jul 8-Aug 23. \$10/hour for 35 hours/week. Deadline: Apr 5. Apply online: www.techboston.org/techapprentice.html. Ibrahim, olu.ibrahim@bostonpic.org

Teen Resume Guide: Whether you have had lots of jobs or are getting ready for your first volunteer experience, this resume guide has tips for you. Start off your job or volunteer hunt on the right foot!
www.cityofboston.gov/youthzone/JobsInternshipsAndVolunteering

Boston PIC: If you attend a BPS High School, connect with your Private Industry Council (PIC) Career Specialist who can help you with your resume, job interview skills, and job search. 617-524-5224, www.BostonPIC.org

Job Tips for Teens: There are many things to keep in mind as you look for a job. In addition to money, a job or an internship can provide you with new skills and a chance to investigate careers you might be interested in pursuing. This guide includes advice for young job seekers in Boston and resources to help you in your search. www.bostonyouthzone.com/myc



FEATURED PROGRAMS

BCYF April Vacation: Check out activities at Boston Centers for Youth & Families over April Vacation Week! Go on field trips, meet new people and more! www.cityofboston.gov/bcyf

Aquarium Lecture Series: The New England Aquarium is excited to offer an after school career lecture series to area youth who are interested in a future marine-related career. Grades 7-12. Apr 4, 7pm
www.neaq.org/education_and_activities/programs_and_classes

Discover Scuba Day: Come learn the basics of scuba diving at the BCYF Recreation at Madison Park Pool from experienced staff from Boston SCUBA on Apr 27, 12-2pm. Ages 10 and up, costs \$20 per person.
www.cityofboston.gov/bcyf

BCYF City at Your Service: Mattapan residents are invited to join the Mayor's Office of Human Services and learn about all that is available to you through the Mayor's Office of Human Services' departments on Apr 10 from 6:30-8pm at the BCYF Mildred Avenue Community Center. Departments include the Boston Youth Fund, the Women's Commission, and more.
www.cityofboston.gov/news/default.aspx?id=6046

4 Day Marine Science Course, Marine Biologist in Training: A challenging opportunity for students ages 13-17 interested in learning first-hand about marine science at the Aquarium while building skills for problem solving, leadership and environmental stewardship. Sundays, 10am-4pm, Apr 28-May 19. Deadline: Apr 10. Cost: \$240, Financial aid is available.
www.neaq.org/mbit 617-973-6745, jsigman@neaq.org

Boston Bikes Essay Contest: The contest is Boston residents ages of 11-15; the winner will get a personalized bike. Write a 250 word essay entitled, "Things I Could Do in Boston on a Bicycle," and submit to the community service office in the district where you live, with your name, address, and phone number by Mar 31. Find your local community service office:
www.cityofboston.gov/police/districts

Operation Prom Dress and Tuxedo: Young women and men need help in making prom affordable. Donate a gently worn dress, shoes, suit, tie, or accessories. Please dry clean before donating. Drop off now through Apr 21. 617-635-4217. Drop off Locations:

1. Councilor Ayanna Pressley's Office, 1 City Hall Square, 5th floor, Boston, MA 02201
2. Eastern Bank, 1906 Dorchester Ave, Dorchester, MA 02124
3. Q Salon & Spa, 676 Centre Street, Jamaica Plain, MA 02130

4. Teaze Hair Studio, 21 River Street, Dedham, MA 02026

Prom Preparation!: The Dorchester YMCA will help you get ready for your prom night! Apr 5-6pm: Safe Dating, Safety Tips for Prom, Get Right, Get Tight for that Suit or Dress (fitness), Hygiene (Females & Males). Apr 6-7pm-12am: Belle of the Ball Men's Warehouse (fashion show), Parents role during prom (Parents only), Donate a Suit/Tux. Darrel, 617-436-7750, dpowell@ymcaboston.org

Bagly Prom: Bagly invites you to their annual GLBT youth prom. Anyone is welcome to attend. Bagly events are free of violence, pressure, & harassment. Free clinical tests available. Fee: \$15 at the door and \$10 pre-sale. May 18, 7pm-11pm. Boston City Hall. 617-227-4313, www.bagly.org

Walk for Change: Boston Area Rape Crisis Center (BARCC) is holding the 8th annual walk for change to bring together survivors, family members, and the community to raise awareness and provide funding for the BARCC's free services. Sun, Apr 7. Registration: 8:30am, walk: 9:30am. \$25 adults, \$10 kids, \$5 dog, Canal park, Cambridge. Kim Sebastiao, events@barcc.org www.barcc.org

Safe Dating: This six-session program aims to equip students with the skills to develop healthy dating relationships, including positive communication, anger management, and conflict resolution. Apr 2-18, 6pm at the Dorchester YMCA. dpowell@ymcaboston.org, 617-436-7750 X231

Big Business Network Inc: Learn the fundamentals of business and investing combined with basketball! Free program at the Anthony D. Perkins Community Center. Orientation for the Spring '13 session will be on Mar 30th, 9:30am. Kendric Price, 617-304-1159 info@bigbusinessnetworkinc.org bigbusinessnetworkinc.org

BAC Summer Academy: Boston Architectural College's Summer Academy is a 4-week design exploration program that includes hands-on experience working in the BAC design studios. Explore the processes of architecture and design. Jul 1-26. Tuition is \$1800, including all materials and supplies. 617-585-0101, www.the-bac.edu/summer

BCYF Lifeguard Intern Institute: This FREE training program will provide pool skills and classroom instruction to qualify for Lifeguard Certification for youth ages 16+. BCYF Mason Pool: Mar 14-Apr 19, Tuesdays, Thursdays & Fridays, 5-7pm. Register: 617-635-5241. www.cityofboston.gov/bcyf

Teen Studio Art Intensives: The MFA offers weekly studio art intensives by experienced educators and professional artists for youth ages 12-18. Intensives include lessons in drawing, painting, sculpture, photography, fashion drawing, and more. Spring session: Mar 23-May 4. Summer session: Jun 25-Aug 13. Cost: \$210-275. Limited scholarships available. www.mfa.org/programs/studio-

[art-classes](#)

East Boston Task Force Teen Nights: The East Boston YMCA hosts a FREE Teen Night with a different program every weekend for youth between the ages of 13-18. Youth are also able to come and use the Health and Wellness Facility for FREE. Application required. Joey, jgaeta@ymcaboston.org, Carlos, cfuentes@ymcaboston.org

Boston's Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) Coalition: EITC is a coalition which includes the Mayor's Office for Jobs and Community Services, along with non-profit, corporate, and community partners. EITC provides low and moderate-income taxpayers with FREE financial services. From Jan-Apr, EITC provides free tax preparation at 28 volunteer-staffed locations around Boston. The Coalition also now offers a year-round financial coaching program including help for students with guidance on their online FAFSA form.
www.bostonredevelopmentauthority.org/eitc/default.asp

Fashion Club: The Dorchester YMCA is hosting a Fashion Club for teens, by teens who will have the opportunity to learn about fashion! New members and volunteers are welcome. The club meets every Friday, 5-6:15pm. Dorchester YMCA. Darrel, dpowell@ymcaboston.org , 617-436-7750

Safe Dating: A six-week session to help equip students with the skills to develop healthy dating relationships, including positive communication, anger management, and conflict resolution. Sessions held at the Dorchester YMCA. Contact Darrel, 617-436-7750 x231, dpowell@ymcaboston.org

ICA Media Workshops: The ICA's Teen New Media program is providing workshops on Videogame Design, Animation, Graphic Design, Digital Collage and more. Workshops are taught by professionals and are open to high school students. Equipment and supplies are provided. Scholarships and school credits are available for BPS students. Gabrielle Wyrick, 617-478-3132, www.icateens.org

Northeastern Summer STEM Program: NU hosts middle school students for 2 weeks this summer. Participants live on campus and participate in academic and social activities through classroom work, field excursions, and interactive demonstrations. The entire program including food and housing is FREE. Deadline: Apr 26. 617-373-8380, www.stem.neu.edu/programs/nussp

Spring 2013 Bikes Not Bombs: Bikes Not Bombs is currently accepting applications for spring sessions of its Earn-A-Bike and Girls in Action programs. At the end of the program, you get to keep the bike that you work on and learn about. Applications available online. Elijah Evans, 617-522-0222 x101, elijah@bikesnotbombs.org, <http://bikesnotbombs.org/>

Summer 2013 Earn-A-Bike: Bikes Not Bombs will run two Earn-A-Bike sessions this summer. Session 1: July 4 - Jul 20, Mon - Fri 2-6pm. Session 2:

Jul 25 - Aug 10, Mon - Fri, 2-6pm. Elijah, 617-522-0222 x101,
elijah@bikesnotbombs.org, <http://bikesnotbombs.org/>

Athena Conference: Hosted by Harvard women to promote gender awareness issues among high school youth of all genders. This year's FREE conference, "Growing Up Gendered", will feature discussion, Self-Defense, food, and more. Apr 6, 10am-6pm. Student Organization Center at Hilles.
athenaoutreach@gmail.com, www.hcs.harvard.edu/~athena

Urbanity Dance: Urbanity Dance will host children ages 3-11 for a summer of dance. Students will come to terms with movement discovery, self-expression, and choreography in addition to receiving individual technical instruction.
<http://urbanitydance.org>

Boston Children's Chorus: Youth ages 7-18 can audition for the Boston Children's Chorus. BCC harnesses the power and joy of music to unite our city's diverse communities to inspire social change. Auditions will be held May 10 and 11. www.bostonchildrenschorus.org

School Breakfast Video Contest: If you're a middle or high school student who has a knack for making videos, enter the School Breakfast Video Contest: Eat. Film. Screen, with a 30-second video promoting a healthy school breakfast. Prizes include: \$1,000, \$300, or \$200, American Express gift card for the top 3 winners. The winning video will also be shown on WHDH-TV. Submit your video before Apr 5: www.meals4kids.org/school-breakfast-eat-film-screen



VOLUNTEERING & COMMUNITY ADVOCACY

Denim Day: Denim Day is a campaign by the Youth Empowerment Project (YEP) to raise awareness about sexual violence victim-blaming. In honor of Denim Day "Take back the Night" will take place in Dorchester, which will consist of a march starting at Ashmont Station and ending at Viet-AID. Mingle, share stories and check out different organizations! Apr 24, 6-9pm.
www.atask.org/site/denim-day-boston-2013

Sisters at Work: Young women ages 14-21 can apply for the SAW Summer Youth Program where they will learn work readiness, financial literacy, receive an introduction to construction trades, and many more valuable life skills. 20 hours a week will be paid, while the other 20 hours are community service. Application is available online. Mikey, sawyouthprogram@yahoo.com,
www.sistersatworkinc.org

live blue Ambassador Volunteer Opportunity: Help the Aquarium to live blue™ by participating in one of three different types of service learning opportunities: habitat clean-up & restoration, public education/outreach, and

citizen science. First event is Sat, Apr 6. Sign up online! www.neaq.org/lba.

EPIC Service Warriors: Youth with disabilities ages 16-23 can participate in this community service and education program. Service Warriors learn more about local communities and develop practical skills to help them develop as leaders and pursue future goals. Program meets a minimum of once a month for one year. Apply: www.epicleaders.org. Jeff, 781-388-4340, jlafata@epicleaders.org

Teens in Print: Ever dreamed of seeing your name in print? Use the power of the press to cover topics important to teenagers and visit great venues like Fenway Park in both paid and unpaid summer positions. Apply: www.writeboston.org. Ric Kahn, 617-541-2651, ric.kahn.jcs@cityofboston.gov

Boston Cares: Make a difference in your community by volunteering! Register with Boston Cares, and you'll become a part of the many service projects that advocate for community enrichment, health & wellness, homelessness/hunger, environment and more! www.bostoncares.org

Global Youth Service Day Events: Global Youth Service Day is an annual celebration of youth in service, engaging youth in over 100 countries and six continents for the world's largest annual day of youth service! GYSD projects with large scale service opportunities are occurring Apr 20 & 27. www.bostoncares.org.



HEALTH & SPORTS

Support the BCYF Swim League: BCYF's Swim League is wrapping up the season with Championship Meets scheduled for Apr 5 at the BCYF Recreation Center and Apr 12 at BCYF Leahy-Holloran. Warm ups start at 5 pm Come out and support the teams! www.cityofboston.gov/bcyf

Row Boston's Annual Youth Indoor Rowing Championship: Row Boston is hosting its Annual Youth Indoor Rowing Championships. Youth ages 11-18 will compete for prizes. A Learn-to-Row clinic will be offered before all events. Apr 6. Community Rowing Boathouse, Brighton. 617-779-8277, rowboston@communityrowing.org

Hyde Square Task Force Community Run/Walk Group: A FREE fitness group open to anyone who is interested in getting in shape or training for a race. Members can come every week or whenever they can. Friends and family are welcome. Tuesdays, 5-6pm and Thursdays, 6-7pm until Jun 8. Info session: 375 Centre St, Jamaica Plain. Alexis Agrinoni, 617-524-8303 x358, www.hydesquare.org

Eliot Basketball Clinic Spring: Boys and girls ages 6-16 can register for the

Eliot Church Youth Basketball Clinic on Apr 6, 12-2pm. Cost: \$35. Eliot Church of Roxbury, 56 Dale St. Darnell Jenkins, 617-445-7525, eliotbball@gmail.com

Cooking Healthy Meals for Kids & their Families – healthy recipes for weight management: A free cooking class for kids and their families to watch and learn how to prepare healthy and nutritious meals. Thurs, Apr 4, 4-5pm. Demonstration Kitchen in Boston Medical Center Dowling Building, 4th Floor. 617-414-3840. www.bumc.bu.edu

Dorchester YMCA Double Dutch: Learn how to jump rope well. If you are interested and ready to get your jump on, then head over to the Dorchester YMCA as the Beantown jumpers assist in creating a Double Dutch team. Darrel, 617-436-7750, dpowell@ymcaboston.org

BCYF Recreation Center Swim Lessons: The BCYF Rec Center at Madison Park offers swimming instruction for children ages 5-13, Mar 20-May 29. Cost: \$25 includes center membership. 617-635-5206 x113, www.cityofboston.gov/bcyf



FOR GIRLS ONLY

BCYF Girls Leadership Summit: BCYF will be holding its Girls Leadership Summit for girls ages 11-15 in celebration of Women's History Month. Lunch will be provided and there will be raffle prizes. Mar 30, 10am-2pm. Northeastern University Curry Student Center. Register: Erika.Butler@cityofboston.gov. www.cityofboston.gov/bcyf

All Girls Sports Festival: The All Girls Sports Festival was created to enhance sports and fitness opportunities for young women and girls. While participating in athletic activities, discover readily available resources both in and out of school. All girls must be Boston residents between the ages of 11-15. Apr 16-19, 8:30am-3:30pm. Reggie Lewis Track & Athletic Center at Roxbury Community College and the BCYF Rec Center at Madison Park. Barbara Hamilton, 617-635-5206 x101, Barbara.Hamilton@cityofboston.gov. Register: www.cityofboston.gov/BCYF

Discovery UnliMiTted STEM Program: Applications are now being accepted for Discover UnliMiTted, a program to introduce middle school girls, grades 6-8, to STEM fields with cool experiments and projects. Sundays, 1-3pm, Apr 7-May 5. Apply: <http://swe.mit.edu/middleschool/discovery.php>, mitswe.middleschool@gmail.com

Tech Savvy: Tech Savvy exposes 7th and 8th grade girls to technology and engineering through a variety of hands-on programs. Learn to build mobile phone apps, design and build their own key chain, and participate in an engineering challenge. Cost: \$150, or \$35 for students with free/reduced

lunches. Runs Apr 16-19, 9am - 4pm. Deadline: Apr 5.
techsavvy@bostongirlsstem.org, www.bostongirlsstem.org

The Artemis Project: Apply now for this five-week computer science program for rising 9th grade girls. Learn how to design your own websites, build and program robotics, and more. Deadline: May 1. Runs Jul 1- Aug 2.
www.bu.edu/lernet/artemis

Little Miss & Young Miss Dorchester: If you are a Dorchester resident and a "Little Miss" ages 7-9, or a "Young Miss" ages 10-12, then you can apply. Winners must be able to attend the Dorchester parade on Jun 2. Application deadline: May 3. Annissa, 617-474-0797, littlemiss@dotdayparade.com

Girl Scout Camp: Camp programs for girls ages 6-17 are offered all over eastern MA. Financial assistance is available. Day Camp transportation is also available. 617-350-8335, www.girlscoutseasternmass.org/programs

Young Women's Group: Offering retreats, field trips, discussions about self-esteem, teen pregnancy, and more. Bird St. Community Center, Dorchester. Alicia, 617-282-6110, alinton@birdstreet.org



FAMILY FUN

Opening of the Swan Boats: Mayor Menino will be joined on the first ride of the year with students from several Boston Public Schools including the Ellis Mendell Elementary School in Roxbury and the Chittick Elementary School in Mattapan. Families and residents can come and take a ride immediately following the Mayor and winners as well as enjoy face painting. Apr 13, 10am. Boston Public Garden Lagoon. www.cityofboston.gov/parks

Roslindale Egg Hunt: An Egg Hunt will be held to kick off spring and celebrate Easter weekend. Toddlers ages 2-6 hunt for 6,000 treat-filled eggs, and families compete in a parent/child egg tosses and bunny hop races. There will be special prizes for the winning teams, arts and crafts, and refreshments. Mar 30, 10am. Adams Park, Roslindale. 617-327-4065, rvmsassistant@gmail.com

Big Apple Circus: For its 35th season the Big Apple Circus will be presenting the Legendarium, which will include the hijinks of hilarious clowns, soaring aerialists, jugglers, astounding acrobats, and more. Cost: \$25-100. Open until May 12. City Hall Plaza. <http://bigapplecircus.org>

HSTF Clubhouse Showcase: Cheer on Hyde Square Task Force's youth band, Music Inc., at their grand performance on Apr 5, 6-9pm. Strand Theatre, Dorchester. Aimee, 617-435-6313, Musicandyouth@gmail.com

Berklee Contemporary Symphony Orchestra: Enjoy a FREE Concert featuring a trio of Grammy winning guest musicians. Apr 3, 8pm. New England Conservatory's Jordan Hall 617-585-1260, www.berklee.edu



EARLY CHILDHOOD

Kindergarten Readiness Nights at the Children's Museum:

Kindergarten Readiness Nights feature hands-on activities that encourage children to use skills they will need in kindergarten. Admission \$1 per person. First Friday of every month, 6-8:30pm. Boston Children's Museum, 308 Congress St. 617-426-6500, www.bostonkids.org

Countdown to Kindergarten Play to Learn Playgroups: Boston children ages 1-3 can sign up to attend free parent-child playgroups during the school year. All caregivers are welcome to help in building a community of supportive peers, fostering nurturing behaviors, and helping children learn skills for success in school. Rosa, 617-635-9288, www.countdowntokindergarten.org/playtolearn.html

Talk Read Play: Boston's children thrive when they talk, read, and play! Find programs for younger children! Also, check out valuable resources and be the first to hear about awesome events. www.talkreadplay.org



COLLEGE PLANNING

Princeton Review Practice SAT: Take a FREE practice SAT exam offered by the Princeton Review. Seats are limited and you will need to bring a pencil and a calculator. Apr 6, 11am. Mezzanine Conference Room, Central Library in Copley Square. www.princetonreview.com, 1-800-447-0254

E.M.E.R.G.E College and Career Day: This seminar is an all-day financial aid, college awareness, and career readiness event for rising high school juniors and seniors. The day will include free lunch, a career fair, free live entertainment, and community service credit. Apr 18, 10am-7pm. Mattahunt Wheelock Community Center. Shellice Baker, sbaker@wheelock.edu

Upward Bound: Get ready for college with Upward bound and Upward Bound Math/Science programs offered in the summer at four universities in Boston. For students in grades 9-10. Take classes to prepare for the SAT and MCAS or focus on math and science skills. Students can receive a stipend. Deadline: varies by program. Contact Roxbury Community College, Suffolk University, UMass Boston, or Wheelock College for more information.

Let's Get Ready: This FREE SAT prep program is open to juniors and seniors

who have qualifying financial need. Apply now for summer program. Program partners with area colleges for 9 weeks and meets 3 hours, twice a week. 617-345-0085, www.letsgetready.org

uASPIRE: Formerly known as ACCESS, uAspire provides free financial aid advising to nearly 40,000 Boston students. From advice on filling out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) to tips on applying for scholarships, you can get answers to all your college affordability questions. 617-778-7195, www.uaspireusa.org

TERi College Access: TERi advisors provide free, one-on-one guidance and resources to make planning and paying for college as simple as possible, with topics on scholarships, choosing prospective schools, and majors. Advisors are fluent in a number of foreign languages. TERi has a site at the Copley BPL Higher Education Center and at several branch libraries and schools. 877-332-4348, www.tericollegeplanning.org

Bottom Line: Bottom Line helps students get in to college, graduate, and go far in life. To be eligible for Bottom Line's FREE one-on-one, year-long college application and financial aid advising services, you must be a Boston resident and have at least a 2.5 GPA. If you are a high school junior in the class of 2014, learn about eligibility requirements and apply: <http://bottomline.org/for-students/student-application.aspx>.

Boston Scholarship Guide: The Mayor's Youthline is currently in the process of updating all local, college, and national scholarships. Please see our updated scholarships here:

www.cityofboston.gov/youthzone/collegeguide/scholarships.asp. For a complete, not updated list: www.BostonScholarshipGuide.com



YOUTH WORKERS

Phillips Brooks House Association's Summer Urban Program:

This program is seeking a youth worker or teacher for 11 hours to train senior counselors on fundamentals of working with 11-13 year-olds in the summer academic enrichment day program. Training dates: June 17, 19, 21 and 25. \$1,300 compensation. Send resumes to: Jesse Leavitt, jesse@pbha.org 617-496-1886

Inquiry-based Learning CEU Course: Participants will engage in hands-on experiences of activities from Boston Children's Museum's award-winning "Beyond the Chalkboard" curriculum; and be introduced to proven high-quality teaching methods that are being used in after school programs across the country and around the world. Apr 30th & May 8th, 9:30 am - 12:30 pm; May 22, 9am - 12:30pm. Grove Hall Community Center. Deadline: Apr 11 (priority) and Apr 18. <http://region6eps.bostonabcd.org/inquiry-based-learning->

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Blackstone Academy Summer Program Director: The Blackstone Academy is looking for a Summer Camp Director responsible for the care and implementation of appropriate programs for school age children ages 5-10 years. The director will be the point person for the oversight of the entire summer program. This individual must be able to work from mid-May (planning/part-time) through August. Keith Houston, 617-635-5162, keith.houston@cityofboston.gov

Community Call: Now accepting nominations for the Greater Boston Young Leader of the Year Award. Their mission is to recognize a young leader who has made a positive impact in our community and motivates others to become philanthropic! Nominee must be a resident of MA between the ages of 20-34. Deadline: Apr 30. 617-236-1936, www.communitycall.org

Free Aquarium Tickets for Community-Based Organizations: If your CBO would like to visit the aquarium, please visit the Community Programs at www.neaq.org/community and complete the visit request form. Summer booking fills up fast. 617-973-0281

Update Your Programs on BOSTONavigator: Make sure youth, parents, guidance counselors, and youth workers can find your summer program on BOSTONavigator by keeping your information updated. This also allows for more accurate search results throughout the website. www.bostonnavigator.org

Do You Want to Add Information to the Boston Youth Zone Newsletter?: If you would like to add information about your program, please email Youthline@cityofboston.gov by the 23rd of each month. Please include details about the program, cost, location, and who someone should contact for more information.

The Mayor's YOUTHLINE is a resource for young people, parents, educators and youth workers. Teen listeners offer a variety of referrals to art, athletic, educational, employment, entertainment, legal, health and social service programs and organizations. Call the YOUTHLINE at 617-635-2240 or search the online database of youth programs at www.BostonYouthZone.com

The Mayor's Youth Council is working to connect young people in Boston with resources and opportunities. For more information on the MYC and our projects: www.BostonYouthZone.com/myc

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